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SUBJECT: NUMBER OF CAMBODIANS ABROAD

REF: A. STATE 090532 (NOTAL)

B. JAKARTA 4433 (NOTAL)

1. ESTIMATE OF NUMBER OF CAMBODIANS RESIDENT IN INDONESIA
(REF A) RANGES FROM ABOUT 30 (PER AMBASSADOR OUNG HIEAM-
REF B) TO 40-50 (PER ARMED FORCES ATTACHE CHHIM ORYAT).
ACCORDING OUNG HIEAM, IN CONVERSATIONS PAST WEEKEND
WITH EMBOFF, GROUP INCLUDES CHILDREN AND SERVANTS OF
EMBASSY OFFICERS, TWO AGRICULTURAL SPECIALISTS AND
FAMILIES IN BOGOR, SINGLE "MEDICAL PERSON" IN JAKARTA,
AND ELEVEN CAMBODIAN WORKMEN, PLUS FAMILIES IN
KALIMANTAN. (LATTER ARE PRESUMABLY UNDER SPONSORSHIP
OF EMPLOYING FIRM, AND, GIVEN THEIR APOLITICAL NATURE,
ARE NOT LIKELY TO PRESENT REFUGEE PROBLEM.)

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2. OUNG HIEAM STATES THAT SINCE HE DIRECTLY AND ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN OVERTHROW OF SIHANOUK, HE CANNOT RETURN TO CAMBODIA. GIVEN HUMANITARIAN ATTITUDE OF GOI, WHICH NOT HOUNDING CAMBODIANS TO LEAVE, OUNG PLANNING REMAIN IN JAKARTA UNTIL EVERY POSSIBILITY OF RESCUING DAUGHTER AND HER FAMILY, WHO IN PHNOM PENH AT FALL, HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED. IF OFFERES OPPORTUNITY OUNG WOULD OPT FOR REFUGE IN US, WHERE HE HAS TWO SONS STUDYING AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON, IN SUCH CASE SENDING WIFE AND FOUR CHILDREN AHEAD.

3. REGARDING STAFF, ACCORDING TO OUNG MAJORITY WOULD OPT FOLLOW AMBASSADOR INTO U.S. REFUGE. FIRST GROUP INCLUDES ARMED FORCES ATTACHE COL. CHHIM ORYAT, ATTACHES IN PHAN, SEA EAM AND FAMILIES. SECOND GROUP, COUNSELOR MAK PHATH UNINVOLVED SIHANOUK DOWNFALL; WIFE FIRST SECRETARY THAY SAK MEMBER ROYAL FAMILY, HOPES SIHANOUK MAY INTERVENE FOR HER AND HUSBAND. THEY, THEREFORE, UNDECIDED BUT WOULD OPT RETURN TO CAMBODIA IF POSSIBLE AND SAFE.

4. IN CONVERSATION WITH AIR ATTACHE APRIL 21, CHHIM ORYAT STATED THAT ALL GKR EMBASSY PERSONNEL WANT TO GO TO US. ORYAT HIMSELF HAS 20 YEAR-OLD SON AT COLLEGE IN LOS ANGELES. ORYAT OWNS SMALL HOUSE THERE AND EXPECTS MOST OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL WOULD GO TO LOS ANGELES WHERE HOUSE WOULD SERVE AS TEMPORARY LODGING. (LATER APRIL 21 MRS. ORYAT INQUIRED AS TO WHETHER SHE COULD OBTAIN US TOURIST VISA TO VISIT SON, AND WAS INFORMED THIS NOT POSSIBLE.) ORYAT ADDED THAT SEVERAL OTHER EMBASSY FAMILIES HAVE RELATIVES IN US.

5. IN CONVERSATION WITH OUNG AND ORYATN EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN SYMPATHETIC BUT HAVE NOT INDICATED US PREPARED AT MOMENT TO BE OF ASSISTANCE. GIVEN APPARENT PREFERENCE FOR REFUGE IN US FOR THOSE CAMBODIANS (PERHAPS ALL) NOT CONTEMPLATING RETURN TO CAMBODIA, ASSISTANCE THEY MIGHT EVENTUALLY WANT FROM US WOULD BE TWOFOLD: A) VISA OR PAROLE ENTRY IN US AND B) FINANCIAL HELP TO DO SO.
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